Non a me nimium diligentem nimium diligentem.

Nimium cedendo amare quam cedendo timeri.

& downe into the seller and poured out the water
into the vessell & went & had ben þ wyne & cam
and gaue Howleglas the pot and sayd make pe
me spill wyne and pe haue no money to pay for
it pe wene I be a fole & than sayde Howleglas
pe be beguiled of a fole and with that worde wēt
his waye with the potres/ and than the drawer
mystrusshynge Howleglas for the wordes that
he sayde and toke a sergant and ouer toke hym
and serched hym and than they founde that he
had two potres vnder his mantell thā toke they
Howleglas & pecked hym for a thefe & brought
hym to prison and than sayd some that he had
deserued to be hanged & some sayde that it was
done for the nonse to defeyne the wyne drower
and that was but well done For he shulde haue
sene therto before for he sayeth dayly that nomā
shulde begyle hym. but they þ loued nat howle-
glas sayde that he was a thefe & that he shulde
be hanged and thā was Howleglas brought
before the Juges and they gaue sētence that he
shulde be hanged and on the morowe was he
brought vnto the galowes for to be hanged for
they that loued hym nat wolde sayne haue sene
iustyce done on hym and there were gathered
many of þ towne to se Howleglas suffer dethe/
but the lordes of Lubeke were sorye for hym for
some wene that he culde sorcery or wytchecraft

lordes after in order Than answered the lordes
to Howleglas and sayd that that was a vnma-
nerly boure for to be assked And then sayd howle-
glas to the lordes of Lubeke I knowe the coun
sayll of Lubeke so sure of their purpose that they
wolde holde that they haue purposed bothe with
hande & mouthe Then went the lordes apene
to counsayll and than sayde the one to the other
this thynge that he askes of vs it is vnlaufully
asked for it were a great shame for vs all yᵗ we
ber the grettest lordes of the towne shulde cum
and hym his ars better it were for vs to gyue hym
his pardone & let hym goo his waye for it is but
a small cause that he hath done than agreed all
the lordes and sayde that it was beste for to do /
than called the lordes the Sergeauntes and bad
them that they shulde vnbynde Howleglas &
let hym go at large for they all had gyuen hym
his pees & than vnbynde vnlose Howleglas &
when Howleglas was at large he thanked the
lordes and than departed the fre Lubeke & was
delyuered and neuer cam there after.

¶ Howe Howleglas becam a maker of spectac-
kles and howe he cuide fynde no water in no lā
de where soeuer he cam.

Vpon a tyme ꝑ Senatours of Rome had
great dyscorde amonge them selfe whiche
shuld the lordes shuld be Emperoure And at the
laste was the Erle of Duppleinbrowghkynge
of Romanes and emperoure of Rome but the-
re were many other that loked for it So when
he was made he laye. vi. wekes longe before ꝑ
towne of Frankeforde A bydynge there for all
other lordes to tourment where was a great nũ
pany assembled And this herynge Howleglas
thowght in his mynde to goo thyder and so he
dyd for there he thowght to get some gayne and
it were no more but the emperours syluer har-
neyse And as Howleglas passed be frankeford
he met with the Bysshop of Taer and by cause
that he was clothed auenturely he asked hym
what he was and Howleglas answered I am
a spectacle maker cum out of Brabant and I cã
fynde no worke than sayde the bysshop my chyld
lieche that youre crafte shulde be better dayly for ꝑ
people the longer the lyue ꝑ lesse syght they ha-
ue therfore youre crafte shulde be better dayly I
than sayd Howleglas to the bysshop my lorde
ye say trewthe but there is oon thynge that de-
stroyeth our crafte and if that ye wyll nat take
no displeasure I shall showe it to you and than
the bysshop bad hym say what he wolde and than
sayde he this dele wyes our crafte ꝑ suche yre

Than sayd the merchaunte all angerly god dre
ue it vnder nethe the galowse / and as he was a
lytell ferther he spyed a galowes & thyder dre-
ued he the wagen vnder nethe ỹ galowes / and
whyen it was vnder nethe he made the wagen
to stande styll and vnyped the horse Than sayde
the merchaũt what wyll ye nowe do / thã sayd
Howleglas tary here all nyght for ye bad me to
dryue vnder the galowes Than whyen the folke
sawe ỹ they were vnder ỹ galowse they lawght
but the merchaunt was angery and bad hym
dryue fourth ryght and neuer stande styll Thã
sayde Howleglas he wolde than pulled he oute
a pynne that is in the wagen that helde it faste
to the horse and droue the horse fourthe & lefte ỹ
folke standyng styll vnder the galowes than ỹ
merch[illegible] sprynge this lepte oute of the wagẽ
and a pype with hym and ranne after hym &
at the last they ouer toke hym and than ỹ mer-
chaũte dreue his swerde and wolde haue smyte
hym but the peyple wolde nat suffer hym / & thã
made he faste ỹ horse a geyne & he than dreued
out the iorney And whan the marchaunt was
come home his wyfe asked howe he fared and
howe he lyked his man he answered so so than
he called Howleglas and bad hym tary there ỹ
nyght and eate his belly full & in the mornynge
departe fro thense for he sayde that he was but

a beggler and a deſeyuer where ſo euer he wēt
Than ſayde Howleglas good mayſter ꝑ ſhall I
doo and than a roſe Howleglas erly in the mor
nynge and as he was up the merchaunte ſayd
eate and drynke your bellye full and ꝑ howle
of you ꝑ I fynde ye nat here when that I cōme
agayne for I muſte goo to chyrche for and I fynde
you here I ſhall bete you ꝑ ye ſhall beſhyte your
breche And than hylde Howleglas his peace and
ſpake neuer a worde to hym and when that the
merchaunte was at chyrche than began he for
to ryd all the howſeholde ſtuffe out of the howſe
and bare it into the ſtreete then worde cam to his
mayſter to the chyrche that all his howſeholde
ſtuffe ſtode in ꝑ ſtreete Than cam ꝑ merchaūte
home and ſawe that it was Howleglas ꝑ had bor-
ne out all his ſtuffe and aſked hym why he dyd
ſo and Howleglas ſayd I do as ye bad me for ye
bad me ꝑ I ſhulde ryd your howſe and ſo I ha-
ue of all your ſtuffe that ye haue / than ſayd the
merchaunte to Howleglas departe fro hēnce and
cum no more here with ꝑ deuyls name for here
is no body that thākes the for thy labour and
than departed Howleglas his way and ſo was
the merchaūte fayne to carp in his gere agayne
that Howleglas had borne out.

¶ Howe Howleglas was dyd for a geſte.

In ꝑ̄ time dyd dwelled a flewte maker
that knewe well lande rouers and knewe
also muche dreepre And on a ꝑme cam he to ꝓ
ꝑme where Howleglas was and bad hym co
mende me to none cumere with me than than-
ked Howleglas hym and sayd that he wolde ꝛ
than departed the flewte maker home and on
the morowe at none went Howleglas to the pp
pe makers howse and when he cam there he fū
de all the doores shyt and than walked he roūde
a boute the howse tyll none was paste and then
knewe he well that he was deceyued and retur
ned home a gayne and on the morenynge as he
walked in the market he spyed the pype maker
and than went he to hym and thanked hym for
his dyner and sayde when pe byd a body shyte
pe all youre doores and the pype maker sayde I
had pou cum care but pou coulde nat cum in for
I had shyt ꝓ doores and than he lawhed and sayd
goo to ym howse a fore ꝛ I shall cum after to dy
ner for ye shall fynde there both rosse and sodde
and than departed Howleglas to the pype ma-
kers howse ꝛ there he foūde a frende as the pype
maker tolde hym and than sayde he to the pype
maker o wyfe that she shulde goo as faste as she
coulde to hyr husbande and sayde ꝓ he had a gre
at sturgyn gyuen hym and sayd that he wolde
turne the spyte tyll that she cam home a gayn

the woman sayd good Howleglas kepe ꝑ house
ryll that I come a yen and lette no body in than
departed the woman with hyr mayde towarde
hyr husband as faste as she culde and met with
hym vpp the way and whē he sawe hyr he asked
hyr wether she wente so faste and she sayd to hel
pe hym for she sayde that Howleglas had tolde
to hir that he had a sturgen gyuē you and sayde
that he badd that we shulde cum a helpe you for
it was so great that he were nat able to bere it
than was the man angrey and sayd knowe ye
nat well that Howleglas is suche a mocker and
a deseyuer than wente he home with his wyfe
and when he cam home he knocked at the doze
and Howleglas sayde let be poure knockynge
for the hoostle hathe charged me that I shall nat
let no geste in ryll dyner be done for thē he sayd
that she wolde be there than sayd he ꝑ is trewth
but she meny nat so z thā went he to his nayghe
bours and tared there to Howleglas had dyned
and when that Howleglas had dyned and ma-
de good chere than opened he the doze and than
the pypemaker cam in with all his folke and
whan he was in he sayde to Howleglas that
it was no honeste for a geste to hyre his hoostla-
se out of the doze and in this maner serued he
his hoostle and the hoostlayse.

the inquyer sayde I had the ruine the one with
the other and than answered Dowglas he had
me cut all vpon on lasse than answered the thorne
maker it shall be kepe you longe you wold
make me so pore that I muste nedes goo a beg
gyng gebur nowe gyue me mercye for mydes
dur that thou hast mayred me and dep.ued me
house Than answered Dowglas to the thorne
maker thou be of a bull wyll make no hydes
and with those wordes vp rose he and sayde in this
house haue I bene but I wyll not come here
agayne and so departed he fro thense.

Than Dowglas solde cowdes for fat.

Dowglas had destroyed muche
the thornemakers wherefore the
vp very sory and that he purpo
ned agayne to the towne and
and solde vytell that he had
ther this mayster that he shuld
not to receyue hym agayne
doyng to hym before this
thornemaker sayde it is
ne haue it better a nother
dowglas with a great route
and made hym full sory

welles with towdes for a spell money and þã
take he a sperk talowe and put in the barelles
.iiij. pyches thyche as thoughe it had bene all
to gether grene and closed it so close that it shulde
not thynke for it was in the wynter whereas
was a great frosse that the duste was fulle fro-
sen to the barell and the other .vi. barelles he fyl
led with other talowe or fat more thycker than
the other .vi. were for ther were the example of
his merchaundyse And when that he had dressed
all þ barelles he sente for his mayster the shoue
maker and asked hym if that he wolde enne se þ
merchaundyse and he sayd he wolde than with
in a whyle cam þ shoemaker to Howleglas
and when he was come there Howleglas ma-
de þ heddes of þ beste barelles to be broken up
whē þ coueryng saue the barelles thē lyked
hym verp well and thā Howleglas asked hym
howe the barelles pleased hym & he answered
verp well and than asked he the peyce and than
answered Howleglas ye shall gyue me no mo-
re than .xviij. grotes. xij. in hande & the other
vi. at the yeres ende And than was the shoe-
maker content and thought he wolde & made
hym the .xij. grotes in hande and he recey-
ued the money and departed & was glad and þ
coueryng was glad of his bargayne & thought
that the boy had no harme that he had done hym

shulde be restored/ and than he hyred many
lowes to melte the tallows and brought all
rell vpt he fyer and when the butte began for
were whote than began it to smell than sayde
one to ꝑ other Kwene some of vs hath bethyn
thepr breche and than cam the mayster and bad
thepm make clene thepr shoppe for one of you
hath trode in a tourde and they soked all a bou
te but they founde nothynge. And than shulde
they haue put one of ꝑ barelles in the cauderne
than sawe they well that it was the barell that
stanke for it was full of turdes / And than they
lefte thepr worke & went for to seke Howleglas
but he was gone and so the shoomaker muste
suffer the lasse losse with the ryche.

¶ Howe Howleglas serued a Tapler.

ON a tyme serued Howleglas a tapler and
the tapler asked hym if that he cuilde sowe
well and close that no man can se the seme / and
than sayde Howleglas yea than went Howle
glas & sowed vnder a barell than sayd his mayr
ster what doest thou nowe thou is a merueylous
sowynge / than answered Howleglas I sowe so
clocke that no mā can se no ye bad me not I my
selfe se nat Thā answered his mayster good ser
uaunt I mene nat so but sowe that euery man

euery hyde a candell and stode vp and caste the
sleues at the Cote all the nyght longe and than
a rose the the capler and that spyed Howleglas
and caste þ sleues more faster than he dyd before
at the cote: and that aspyed the capler and sayd
what folysshe torche is þ þ pou doest here: And
answered Howleglas very angerly this is no
folysshe torche for I haue stande all the nyght he
re castynge the sleues at the cote and they wol
nat hyde theron and nowe I se it is but loste la
bour: Than sayde the mayster to Howleglas
it is my faute for I wende þ pe wolde haue vn-
derstande me better for I mene that pou shulde
haue sowed on the sleues to the cote Than sayd
Howleglas to his mayster the deuyll take pou
for yf pe had sayd soo to me be fore I myght haue
sowed on the sleues and haue gonne slepe but
nowe mayster goo pou and sowe all the day lon
ge and I wyll go slepe: And than answered the
capler haue I hyred pou to slepe: And thus began
they to chyde and they were thus chydyng the
capler badde hym pay for his candelles that he had
brenned that nyght and than Howleglas spake
neuer a worde more but rolle al his clothes and
went his wayes and neuer [illegible]